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Cal Poly Adopts New Designated Area Smoking Policy

 smoking map

San Luis Obispo, CA- Beginning January 1

non-smokers on the Cal Poly campus will be protected from the harmful health effects of secondhand smoke. Cal Poly is only the second CSU campus to implement a designated area smoking policy. Smokers will now be required to smoke in designated areas. Smokers will be able to smoke in one of 26 designated areas set around the campus instructional core. Campus residents will also be required to smoke in designated areas starting in the New Year. Outside the instructional core, a 20-foot smoke-free zone perimeter policy will be implemented.

In May of 2003, the California State University chancellor delegated authority to all CSU presidents to regulate second-hand smoke on campus grounds through Executive Order 599. The Campus Advocacy and Mentorship Program (CAMP) Tobacco Coalition of Cal Poly, which is supported by the American Lung Association of the Central Coast, worked to educate the campus about secondhand smoke and gain support for a more stringent policy. The coalition accomplished this by delivering presentations to classes, clubs and organization, and by getting surveys signed during University Union Hours.

In 2003, CAMP delivered the results of the surveys along with facts regarding secondhand smoke to the administration to promote change. As a result, along with Executive Order 599, a committee was set up to review the current policy and determine what changes, if any, were needed. Shortly after the committee was formed, Governor Davis signed Assembly Bill 846, which prohibits smoking inside any state building and within 20 feet of any main exit, entrance, or operable window of a state building. This new bill combined with the feedback gathered from the Smoking Policy Review Committee, was used to develop a policy that encompasses the needs of the Cal Poly campus.

The CAMP Tobacco Coalition would like to thank all of the people who have supported their efforts throughout this process.

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